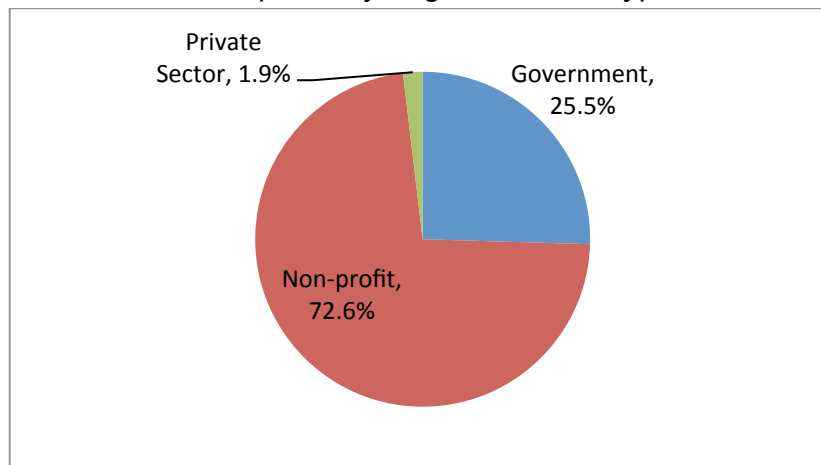


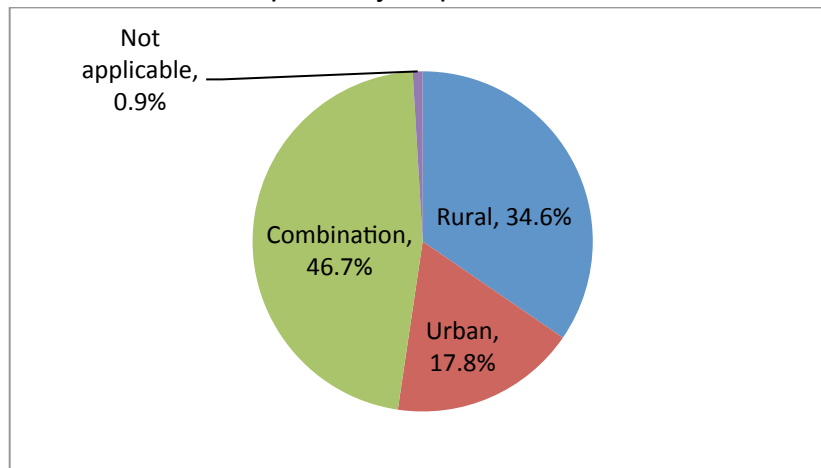
Consolidated Plan Input Sessions

Where	When	Number of Participants
Richmond	February 28, 2013	21
Roanoke	March 4, 2013	28
Abingdon	March 5, 2013	24
Hampton	March 8, 2013	21
Prince William	March 14, 2013	17
Total		111

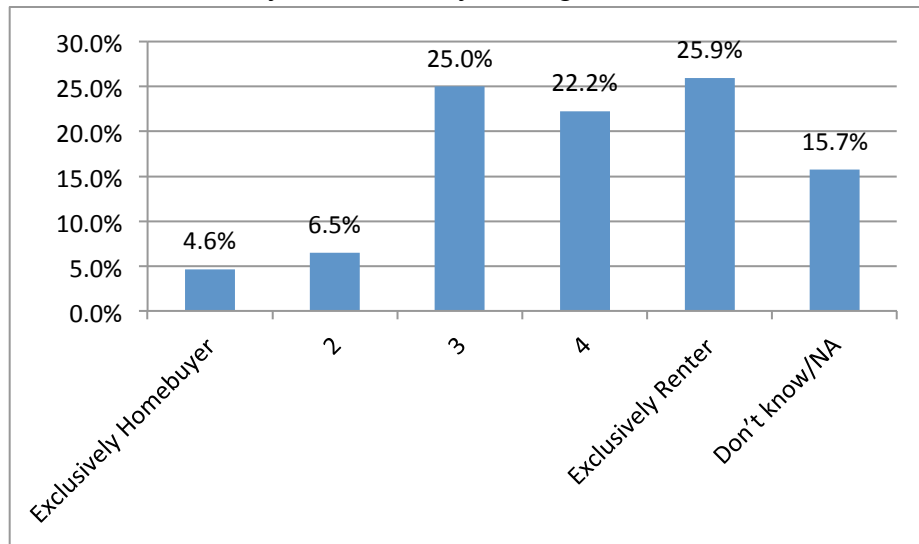
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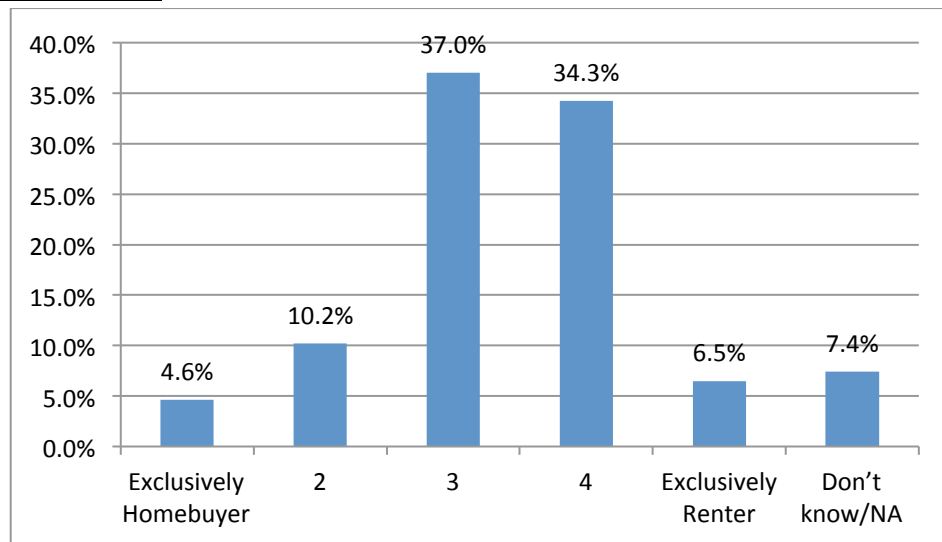
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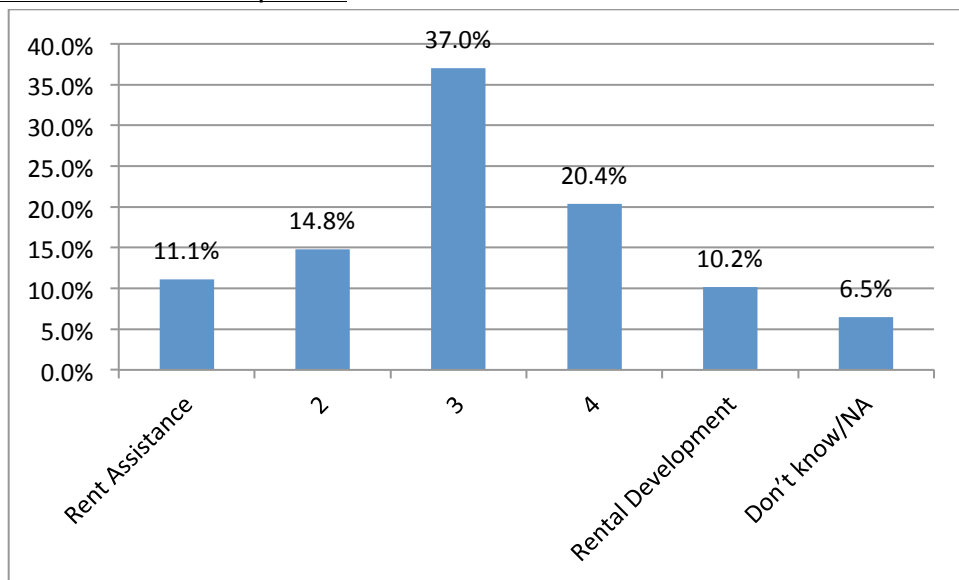
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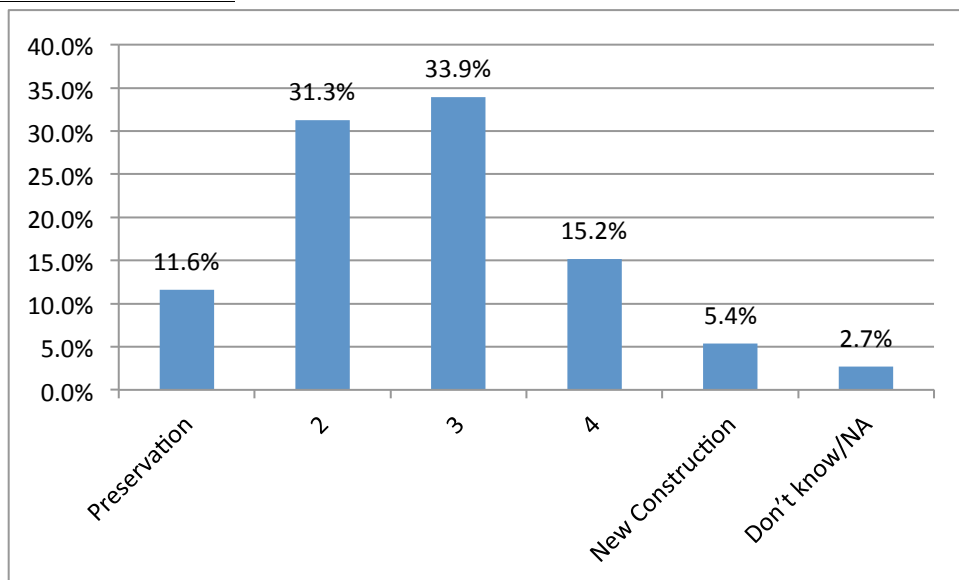
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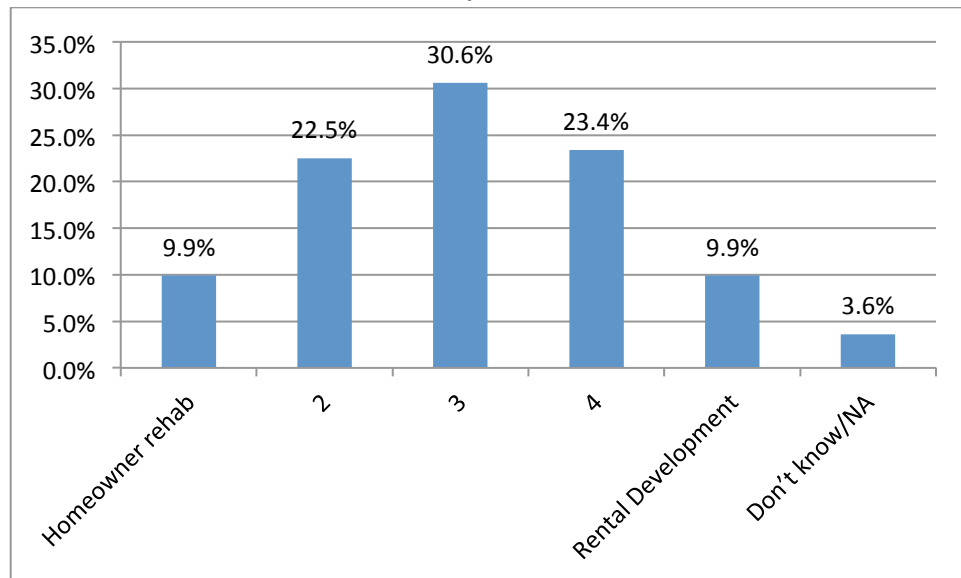
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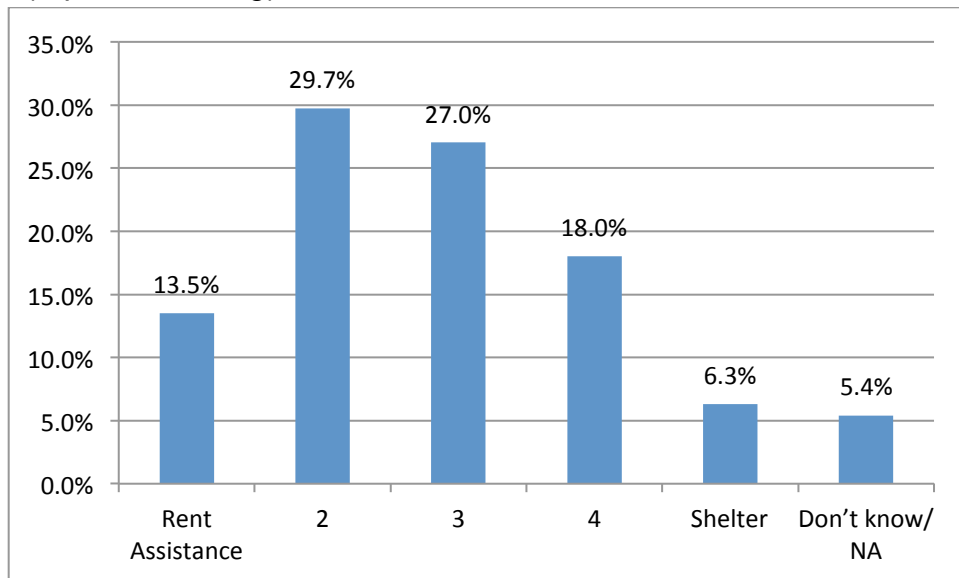
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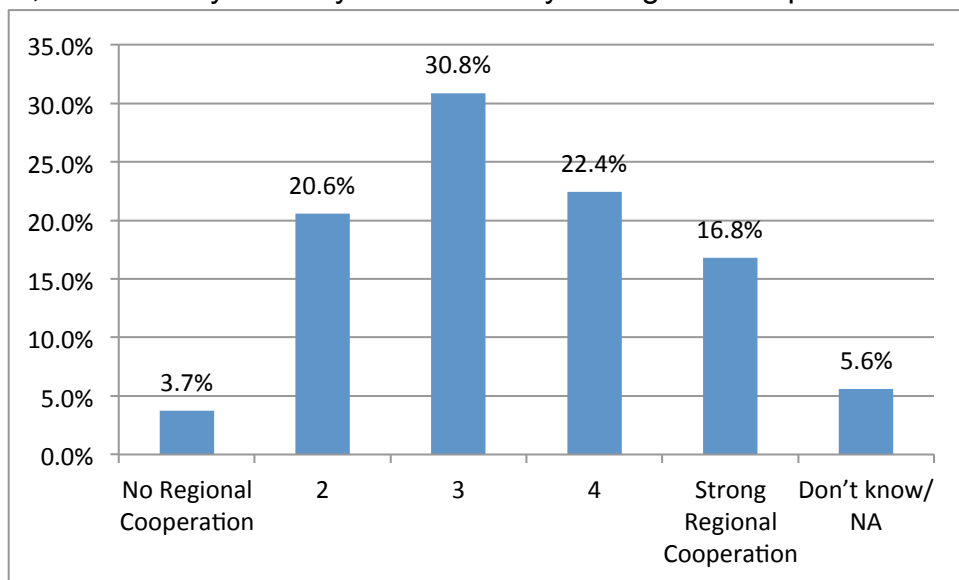
On a scale of 1-5 where one is not a priority and five is a very high priority, to what degree should the follow be a priority?

	<i>Not Priority</i>	2	3	4	<i>Very High</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Accessibility Modifications	1%	15%	25%	24%	33%	2%
Universal Design Units	5%	13%	29%	24%	20%	9%
Green Building Design	9%	14%	24%	24%	27%	2%
Permanent Supportive Housing	3%	9%	19%	36%	27%	6%
New Water/Sewer Projects	4%	18%	31%	23%	16%	8%
Water/Sewer Upgrades	4%	14%	33%	29%	15%	5%
Entrepreneurship Support	9%	21%	28%	26%	12%	4%
Downtown Revitalization	3%	19%	33%	33%	8%	4%
Economic Development	1%	7%	26%	38%	25%	3%
Broadband Access	7%	17%	24%	26%	22%	4%
Affordable/Accessible Healthcare Projects	2%	7%	15%	27%	47%	2%

On a scale of 1-5, how focused should the Consolidated Plan's strategies be on rent assistance (rapid re-housing) vs. shelter?



On a scale of 1-5 where one is no regional cooperation and five is strong regional cooperation, how would you rate your community on regional cooperation?



Open Ending Responses

Richmond Responses:

- There is a need to increase technical assistance for permanent supportive housing across the state.
- We need to build capacity for working with specific subpopulations, but not at the expense of addressing homelessness in general.
- The expansion of Medicaid may offer some opportunities.
- Need more veterans' housing services capacity.
- DHCD should focus on HUD's Green and Healthy Homes initiative.
- Need to improve handicapped accessibility.
- Need more prisoner re-entry resources.
- Need more intra-agency (within DHCD) collaboration –for example Weatherization and HOME should be better coordinated.
- Re-visit the possibility of increasing resources for TBRA (i.e., VA Housing Trust Fund).
- Per Governor's policy –increase the number of permanent supportive housing projects.
- The reduction in IPR funding has significantly impacted program requirements.
- Need to do scattered site development in older neighborhoods.
- Need to find a better balance between rural and urban affordable housing projects.
- DHCD should convene program providers for technical assistance/interchange.
- It would be helpful for communities to have a comprehensive overview of DHCD.
- DHCD needs to work with grantees to help them navigate the different sources of federal funding.
- We should coordinate multi-modal transportation with CDBG and Housing programs.
- DHCD should help assess communities to help them identify and build on existing assets.
- We should be partnering with VCCS One Stop Centers.

Roanoke Responses:

- DHCD should use HOME TBRA for persons exiting institutions.
- There should be less piecemeal uses of resources. It would be better to do more comprehensive projects.
- Need more administrative funds.
- Need IPR –it should be made available to a larger target population.
- DHCD should make new affordable housing close to transportation a priority.

- Need a focus on homeless prevention for homeless veterans.
- Need more affordable housing in decent areas.
- Need a focus on homeless women veterans.
- Need to assure geographic distribution of affordable housing across the state.
- Need housing for the aging population, accessibility modifications, universal design, and affordable assisted living.
- Accessibility (ADA compliance) is an issue in shelters.
- Access to shelter for persons with mental illness is an issue.
- Providers need access to initial allocations (advance payment) in order to provide assistance (ESG and HSG).
- If the state/federal government requires a position we need the funds to pay for it (coordinated assessment system).
- How do we pay for landlord outreach?
- Need a higher level of community awareness about the types of community development assistance that are available.
- DHCD needs to look at the impact the Affordable Healthcare Act when look at medical/healthcare access projects.
- Need to consider telemedicine.
- Need more information upfront about how projects/proposals will be scored.
- DHCD needs to consider targeting more narrowly as funding levels go down.
- DHCD should focus on family homelessness, rapid re-housing, and mental health evaluations in shelter settings.
- Need to improve overall access to mental health services.
- DHCD should use access to funding as a carrot to foster regional cooperation.
- Local officials need to be educated in order to change their current mindset as they consider local projects.

Abingdon Responses:

- Need more accessible affordable rental units.
- There is a great need for elderly housing.
- DHCD should look at the return on investment (ROI) of homebuyer vs. renter.
- DHCD should look at easy living design features.
- There is a need for homeless veterans and x-offender re-entry housing.
- There is a large pipeline of entrepreneurs. DHCD should make it a priority to assist with entrepreneurship.
- Small business and downtown revitalization should be a priority.
- Already established DHCD priorities seem to address the needs.
- Access to healthcare -rural areas is in need.
- Need education and retraining of workforce.

- There is a need for infrastructure development.
- Need leadership training for upcoming generation.
- Local communities need help with inventorying their assets. They need to know what resources are available and how to tie these into programs.
- Local communities need a blueprint of what there is in their communities (who does what, how to make referrals).
- Job creations should be a priority.
- Need small business training to support existing small businesses.
- Need more incentives to participate in regional efforts.
- Need training for rural communities to help with recruiting and retaining industry.
- Telecom, wireless access is needed.
- DHCD can help improve regional cooperation by:
 - Participating in local/regional meetings
 - Communicating the direction to take
 - Helping localities understand DHCD programs/resources

Hampton Responses:

- HUD needs to target funds for TBRA for person transitioning out of institutions to create community-based options.
- In the Hampton Rhoads area one in five people are veterans. Veterans should always be considered with any initiative/priority.
- Prioritize and increase funding for IPR.
- It is hard to do affordable housing projects that target very low income without DHCD funding.
- Need to set aside funding for accessibility modifications for both rental and homeowner units.
- There needs to be an emphasis on universal design and education on this too.
- Need to have programs more focused on the very low income households.
- DHCD is heading in the right direction –away from place-based to rapid re-housing.
- We need to be able to help households with security deposits and first-month's rent.
- Some households will always have problems with paying market rate rents.
- Clean water is a priority.
- Healthcare is a priority –need to focus on prevention and access to primary healthcare.
- We need a small business (as opposed to big industry) focus for economic development.

- We must have access to clean water and sewer first in order to provide adequate affordable housing.

Prince William Responses:

- We need more access to TBRA for very low income households and persons with disabilities.
- DHCD should look at transportation access and housing. Can DHCD influence how the state will spend money on transportation?
- Need to emphasis rehabilitation. The existing housing stock is in need of energy efficiency modifications.
- There is a lack of affordable rental housing in rural Virginia. There is also a lack in Northern Virginia.
- There is a need to emphasis accessibility.
- With rapid re-housing it can be tough for an agency to front the money and then get reimbursed for the expenses. A rapid re-housing focus may not address all the needs of the person. Pushing housing when the person doesn't have the right tools and resources may be an issue.
- With rapid re-housing it can be hard to find willing landlords. Also there are limited units available.
- We need more resources for the development of SROs (Single Room Occupancy Units).
- We need strategies to invest in larger development projects.
- DHCD should look at projects form a holistic approach when making funding decisions, such as projects that streamline services and improve service delivery.
- There are major transportation issues related to accessing jobs and affordable housing. For example, local transportation solutions are possible, but there are issues with crossing county lines –making regional solutions difficult.
- Need housing, jobs, and services that are accessible by public transportation.
- We should encourage the use of underutilized buildings for services.